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Please deliver following message to Addressee.

QUOTE:

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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I very much appreciated your letter of October 26 and your expression of understanding and support for the goal which this government and its Latin American allies are seeking in the Caribbean area.

Although we have recently been very much concerned with Soviet efforts to subvert this hemisphere, I can assure you that we have not lost sight of the very serious problems which continue to exist in the Congo.

I am naturally gratified by the withdrawal of Russian missiles from Cuba but, as you are aware, the problem of the bomber aircraft remains. We are also working hard to reach agreement on a system of international inspection which would prevent further threats to the security of the United States and the countries of Latin America.

I am grateful to you for your letter of support and should like to take this occasion to thank you for the warm reception you

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extended to Under Secretary McChee and Deputy Assistant Secretary Fredericks during their recent visit to the Congo. Sincerely, John F. Kennedy ~~END QUOTE~~

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